

The law makes \$270 million available for research, promoting New Jersey as a leader in the scientific field.

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(Trenton, NJ.) - New Jersey Congressman Albio Sires witnessed the next step in what he introduced as Speaker of the New Jersey State Assembly: Governor Jon Corzine signed legislation into law that makes millions available for Stem Cell Research.

"I was proud to be the Speaker when we passed legislation expanding stem cell opportunities," said Congressman Sires. "I was thrilled to see stem cell research moving forward and I am hopeful that in time it will improve millions of lives."

The legislation appropriates \$270 million to build stem cell and biomedical research centers throughout the state. The measure (A-2828/S-1471) was sponsored by Assemblymen Neil Cohen (D-Union), John McKeon (D-Essex), and Louis Manzo (D-Hudson), and Assemblywoman Joan Quigley (D-Hudson).

Stem Cell Research will be a priority in the first 100 hours of the 110th Congress," said Congressman Sires. "I look forward to co-sponsoring legislation at the federal level and hope that President Bush realizes the importance of creating opportunities so that Americans can benefit from this vital research"